BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The divisive forces in Jammu & Kashmir are exhibiting anti-national feelings.

(b) Government have taken a number of administrative measures to contain militant and secessionist activities and inflow of weapons from across the border which include better border management, beafing?up or intelligence set-up and relentless pressure on them by the security forces.

(c) These forces are getting material help in arms, equipment, training and guidance and motivation from across the border.

Rise in the poverty in rural and urban areas of the country

836. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what according to the analysis, if any, is the rise in the poverty line in the rural and urban areas in the country at the end of 1990 vis-a-vis rise in the percentage of inflation;

(b) what are the names of the States having the highest number of households below the poverty line at the end of 1990 as compared to poverty line at the end of 1989; and

(c) what is the strategy, if any, formulated by Government in allevating poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The rise in the poverty line in rural and urban areas in the country in 1989-90 over 1988-89 is 6.6 per cent based on the quick estimates of Private Consumption Expenditure released by Central Statistical Organisation. The average Wholesale Price Index has increased by 7.5 per cent in 1989-90 over 1988-89. The latest estimates of poverty are available for the year 1987-88. Estimates for the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 have not been made.

(c) The approach to the Eighth Five Year Plan as approved by the National Development Council, envisages accelerated process of reduction in poverty primarily through maximising productive employment opportunities.

Harassment to Journalists

837. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the harassment faced by journalists in different parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have ordered any probe into such incidents; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government view with concern any incident of harassment of or assault on journalists. Where the harassment is because of law and order problem, appropriate action is taken by State Government/Union Territory. However, in pursuance of Government's deep commitment to the Freedom of Press, the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued instructions to States/Union Territories from time to time to provide adequate security to journalists.

Deaths under police custody

838. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of deaths that took place under police custody in such